

Japan Is Withholding Fleet to Protect Home Waters

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Vote Expected Today on Tax Bill Veto

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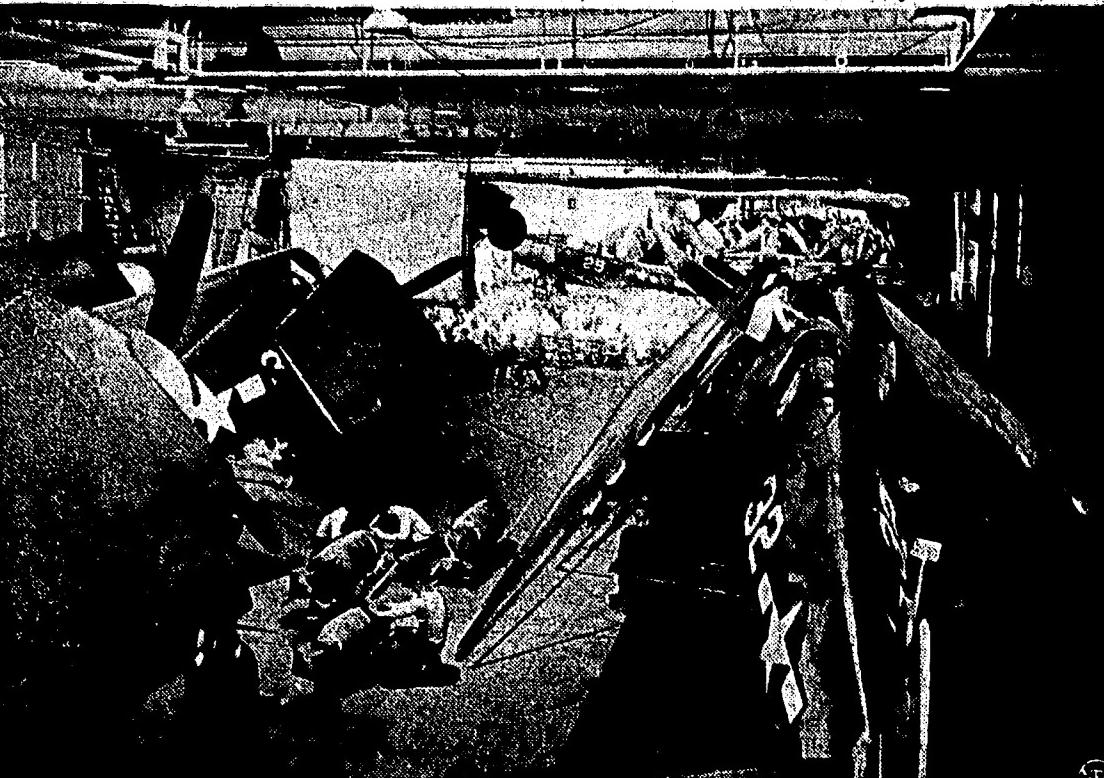
DeWITT MacKENZIE
The mystery of the whereabouts of the good Japanese fleet which from a safe base has sheltered within the "invulnerable" shelter of all-powerful Truk is bringing this country many inquiries from readers.

Well, thanks for the compliment implied in asking me a question about the Japanese. All I can say is that probably couldn't answer definitively if I don't know. Still there are some definitive facts which are illuminating.

There have been numerous occasions during the war when a large secret service was reported at Truk. The great base, which one of the strongest ever developed, could shield the Mikado's entire naval power. However, the political crisis of global conflict has compelled the Japanese to keep their forces concentrated at Truk to protect the motherland. While Truk has been used as the chief station of the Central and South Pacific operations.

The American force which carried out the devastating raid on Truk last week undoubtedly was much surprised that it did not find more warships in the anchorages, though unhappy thoughts as to what had become of the fleet were present. On February 4, two United States photo planes took pictures of Truk, and on their return to their base at Rabaul, saw Japanese aircraft flying over the anchorage. The unusual photo above, taken in the hangar deck of a new U. S. Navy aircraft carrier, shows ordnance men working on heavy bombs and aviation machinists' mates adjusting Gruman Hellcat fighter planes while officers and men in far back ground relax from "sea-tension" by watching a movie.

Some Work, Some Relax Inside Giant Flat-Top



(U. S. Navy photo from NEA)

Market Report

Suggests Hitler Be Caged, Exhibited

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
Washington, Feb. 22—(AP)—When the daily Hattiesburg American offered a \$25 war bond for the best suggestion for punishment of Adolf Hitler after his capture, it was not prepared for the deluge. More than 300 letters arrived in a single day, and the editor said that in this period, from 30 states and six Canadian provinces.

Only three suggestions in the 300 letters received were too suggestive or profane to be published.

Letters of the Executive

of Pat Cleburne chapter, daughters of Confederacy, Mrs. A. E. Stutter, president.

Amusement club will meet

Miss Maxine Tabor, Miss Brown, wife hostess.

Knitters For 215 Garments

Needed By Red Cross

The Knitting division of Hattiesburg chapter, which received a new shipment of yarn to be knitted into articles for men in the service.

Arch Moore, knitting chairman.

Included in the quota are the

following items for the men:

45 pairs of socks, 45 pairs of gloves, 30 mufflers. Navy items

are: 20 sweaters, 30 gloves, 10 hats, 10 caps, 10 neckerchiefs.

As the quota must be shipped by April 28, yarn should be good enough to make the men happy.

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Each pound of waste fat is good for two meal-size portions.

Sugars: January 16—First day for Sugar stamp No. 30 in Book 4, good for 5 pounds of sugar.

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Gasoline: January 22—First day for No. 10 coupons in an Ration Book, good for three gallons. B1 and C1 coupons, good for one gallon each. B2 and C2 coupons valid for five gallons each.

January 22—Last day for Al 10 coupons.

Two pounds of waste cooking fat will produce enough glycerine required to fire five 37 mm ant-tank shells. Save waste fat.

Hamilton Hanehan, and Mr. Hanehan.

Accompanied by their weekend guest, Miss Margaret McManus, instructor at Okachita college, Mr. and Mrs. E. McManus spent Sunday with relatives in Magnolia.

Mrs. McManus was hostess to Circle No. 5, W. M. S., First Baptist Church at the home of Mrs. Herbert R. Ame, Amey.

Brother R. Ame, Amey, was not met since 1939, when he served in the war in Europe, and he said that he learned they were in same area.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ame, Amey, were also entertained by Col. Edward M. Amey, Amey, and his wife, Mrs. Herbert R. Ame, Amey.

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SIDE GLANCES
By Galbraith



"Don't mind Bill—if I don't serve something to eat when we have guests, he invariably goes to sleep!"

Wash Tubs



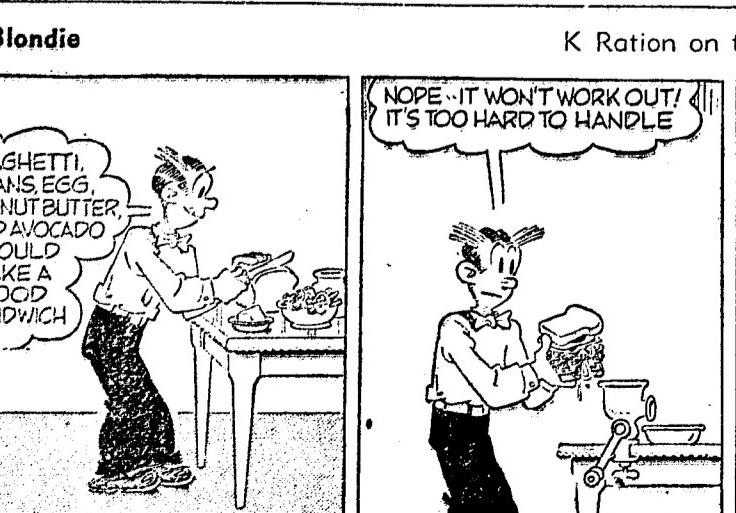
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Hold Everything

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"Clock watcher," said a girl.

They asked for new bills . . .

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"Oh, no," said mama. "I can hardly believe it."

"What do you want me to do?" asked her mother.

"It's our first pay and we want to buy house," explained Francie.

Mama slid the bill across the table to Neeley. "All the bills you make, you keep for spending money," she said (Just like papa, thought Francie). Then mama gave him fifty cents and Francie cupped it in her hands. "That's Francie's spending money. Fifty cents a week."

Francie was pleased. She hadn't expected that much allowance. The children overwhelmed their mother with thanks . . .

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"They heard a Hollywood talent scout is in town, so they're working their heads off!"

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"He's able to sleep 15 minutes longer since he got that street hawk's equipment!"

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